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POLLUTION IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that pollution is being spread in several States of the country including Delhi and people smoke at public places unabatedly;

(b) if so, whether the Government have succeeded in controlling the said menace;

(c) if so, the extent thereof;

(d) whether the pollution in Delhi is under control following shifting of factories elsewhere; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)(b)&(c) State Pollution Control Boards/Pollution Control Committees are monitoring ambient air quality in various cities/towns.The Ambient air quality monitoring, has indicated that air quality in respect of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide has remained within the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Steps have been taken by Government to check smoking at public places.

(d) & (e) The concentrations of all regulatory pollutants in ambient air in Delhi have reduced due to the various steps taken for prevention and control of pollution including closing down and shifting of industries. The comparative levels of pollutants observed during the years 2000 and 2001, for all monitoring stations in Delhi, are as follows :

Pollutants (Annual average)	2000 (Figures in Micrograms per cubic metre)	2001
Suspended particulate matter	405	347
Respirable Suspended particulate matter	159	137
Sulphur dioxide	18	14
Nitrogen dioxide	36	34